

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004, claims 15-69 were rejected. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

No claims have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. As such, claims 15-69 remain pending.

NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

Claims 15-69 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,606,032. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer, which is attached hereto, in order to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that rejection as applied to these claims be removed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests objections and rejections. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1703 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

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In the event this paper is not time filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 87288.2064.

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